

The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Tuesday, December 17. 1728.

Edinburgh, Decem. 17. This Morning about 9, the Post came to Town, and brought with him the Mail that went astray, together with the Mail due this Day: Whereby we have the following Particulars.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Decem 16.

Since our last arrived a Mail from Holland, and one from France.

THE new Assurances given by his Most Christian Majesty, as mentioned in our last, to the K. of Great Britain, of fulfilling exactly on his Part, all the Engagements he has entred into by the Hanover Treaty, must quiet the Minds of those who have been so far deluded by false Suggestions, as to entertain Doubts and Jealousies; and on the other hand, gives us the greatest Grounds and Reasons to conclude, that the King of Spain will at last think it his Interest to comply with the Propositions for a Truce or Peace; tho' he still makes a Shew of carrying on Preparations, &c.

We are told by the Holland Mail, That the K. of Spain has sent Commissaries to St. Sebastian's and Fontarabia, to review the Fortifications and Magazines of all the Frontier Places.

And from Cadix 'tis advis'd, That all the Men of War design'd to go meet the Galleons, are put to Sea.

Yesterday the Mate of the Packet Boat who brought Prince Frederick over from Holland, attended at St. James's, and besides a Gratuity of 100 Guineas, his Royal Highness presented him with a Medal of great Value, and was pleas'd to order 5 Guineas a Piece to the Sailors; and his Royal Highness, who has an extraordinary Levee, was visit'd last Friday by ten Bishops, the Abp. of Canterbury, who made a fine Speech to congratulate his Arrival. His Royal Highness received them very graciously, and assur'd them of his Affection and particular Regard for them, and the Church of England, as by Law established; and

his Royal Highness, who speaks very good English, had a great deal of Conversation with those Prelates, particularly with Dr. Bullocks, Bishop of Gloucester, who having been Chaplain to the late King when at Hanover, was well known to him. And Yesterday the Ambassador of Tripoli had Audience of his Royal Highness, who by an Interpreter, conversed a long Time with the said Ambassador, touching the Extent, Civil and Military Government, Custom, Manners, Trade and Product of that Country, and how they were treated by the Grand Signior; with such Politeness that those present were exceedingly pleas'd thereat.

The great Expedition with which the Prince made his Journey from Hanover, has occasioned much Discourse, some imputing it to one Cause, and some to another: But 'tis said there's an Act, which expresses, That after the Demise of his late Majesty, the presumptive Heir of the Crown shall come into the Kingdom within a certain Time limited therein, or to that Effect.

We hear Stephen Weston, Esq; Son to the Bishop of Exeter, will be appointed Secretary to the Prince, That the Countess of Lincoln is making up the Accounts of the late Earl her Husband.

The Duke of St. Albans being made Cofferer of his Majesty's Household, is to enter upon that Office at Christmas.

'Tis discourst at St. James's, That a Truce for 4 Years is agreed on at Paris; and that the Prussian Troops have actually invested Embden; which, as Matters now stand, may prove of ill Consequence.

'Tis reported that the Lord Bolingbrook, assisted by several others, is writing a History of his own Times.

A Gentleman newly come from Paris says, that he saw the Duke of Wharton at an English Coffee-house there, as also Mr. Mist in that City, and his Man Woolfe at Calais.

P. S. By Letters this Day from Cadix we learn, That

That the Spaniards continue their Spite against the English Merchants; who, 'tis expected, after the Arrival of the Galleons, will shew worse Treatment. S. S. Stock 97 1 half.

This Morning died - - - Spencer. one of the Judges of the Court of King's Bench, and Lord Chief Justice of Chester.

From the S. James's Evening-Post, Decem. 10.

Petersburg, Nov. 16. The Advices we have received from the Caspian Sea are very favourable, since we hear that Sultan Esref strives not to give the least Umbrage to our Emperor. All Hands are at Work to put out a Fleet next Spring, much more considerable than any we ever yet had. We learn from Moscow, that the greatest Lords of the Court have used all their Endeavours to dissuade our young Monarch from the Resolution he has taken to travel into Foreign Countries.

From the Evening Post, Decem. 10.

Berlin, Dec. 6. Baron d'Illgen, chief Minister of his Prussian Majesty, died here this Morning.

Madrid, Nov. 23. The Augmentation of the Value of our Coin, occasions a World of Inconveniences in Trade, particularly the calling in of the Single and Double Square Reals, because the Round Money, which is the only Sort left in Commerce, is shamefully clipt. The Ministers consult frequently together about it in order to find out some Expedient for removing the Inconveniences occasioned thereby.

Paris, Dec. 7. The Duke de Bournonville is expected here next Month from Madrid. We still flatter our selves with the Hopes that his Instructions from that Court will be for forwarding the Conclusion of the Truce. Be that as it will, we are told that this Crown has given new Assurances to the King of Great Britain, that they will exactly perform their Engagements conformable to the Treaty of Hanover. 'Tis talked that the Squadron which is fitting out for the Expedition against Tripoli, is not only to destroy the whole Town with their Bombs, but also build a Fort so near the Port, as will effectually put a Stop to the Pyracies of those Corsairs.

Copenhagen, Decem. 4. The King has ordered all the Governors of the Provinces of Zealand to send

hither as much Wood and Turf as they can procure.

The Frost is so intense, that if it holds two or three Days longer, People will be able to cross over to Sweden.

Paris, Dec. 15. Madam de France the eldest, has had some Fits of the Ague and Fever, occasioned by the breeding of her Teeth; but is now much better.

Letters from Madrid dated the 30th last Month advise, That their Catholick Majesties still go on with the Diversion of Hunting.

Vienna, Decem. 4. The Treaty of Commerce proposed last Year between the Courts of Spain and Russia, is so far regulate at the Russian Court as only to want Ratification: And 'tis also assured, that the same contains very advantageous Articles on both Sides; and that besides this, the D. of Liria was concluding a farther important Affair, between these two Courts, which Time must bring to Perfection.

Vienna, Decem. 4. Orders have been dispatched to Count de Harach, Viceroy of Naples, to hasten to that Kingdom as much as possible, because there are new Commotions among the Subjects.

Hague, Decem. 16. The Council of State delivered this Morning to their High Mightinesses the State of the War for the Year ensuing.

London, Decem. 10. On Thursday Night last the Lady of his Excellency Horace Walpole, was safely brought to Bed of a Son and Heir.

From the Weekly Medley, Dec. 10.

London, Decem. 7. The Article which first claims the Place here, is the Arrival of Prince Frederick from Hanover; whose Coming, so much wish'd for by the People of England, was an entire Secret till we heard of his being in Holland: And we may judge, that his Departure was as little known to the Hanoverians; for by all Accounts from that Place, they knew nothing of it on the 22d past, O. S. at Night, when his R. Highness, having invited the principal Nobility of the Country, diverted himself with them in a Race of Sledges upon the Snow Top by the Light of Flambeaux, and with the Musick of the Garison. The World will be at a loss to judge why his Departure was kept

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secret from a People, to whom his Illustrious Family and Person were always so dear; and at the same time, they will admire his Obedience to the Commands of his Royal Father, which was such, that after a Journey perform'd by Land, as it were with Rapidity, he arrived on Saturday last at Helvoetsluys, and as soon as the Wind favoured, was on board a hir'd Holland Sloop, without staying for the Yachts or Convoy; landed at Harwich last Tuesday about 4 in the Afternoon, and set out instantly with a Coach and 8 Horses for Colchester, where he lay that Night; and next Day his R. H. came to Whitechapel about 7 in the Evening, and proceeded thence privately in a Hackney Coach (attended by three Persons) to St. James's where his R. H. alighted at the Briary, walk'd down to the Queen's Backstairs, from whence he was conducted to her Majesty's Apartment; and on Thursday the Nobility and Gentlemen were permitted to pay their Compliments to his R. H. in great Numbers.

No Foreign Mails this Post.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Dec. 12.

THE Letters from the Hague of the 17th Inst. tell us, That on Monday before the Date, the Deputies of the States had a Conference with the Imperial Minister on the Affair of Embden and East Friesland: That several Persons had been taken up on Suspicion of being concerned with two Clerks of the States General Secretary's Office, who have been some Time in Custody for discovering Resolutions and Letters of the States: But they make no mention of the Prussian Troops having invested Embden; neither do the Advices that came by the French Mail Yesterday say any Thing of a Truce being agreed to at Paris, as was mentioned in our last by Way of Report; but they relate that Cardinal de Fleury continues his Conferences with the Foreign Ministers, upon the Affairs relating to the Congress of Soissons.

Mean Time they add, That no Courier was yet arrived from Madrid with the final Answer of the Court of Spain; who according to some Letters from thence were augmenting their Navy considerably. And that the Grandees of Spain had made strong Remonstrances to the King touching the

Proposals of Peace proposed by the Allies of Hanover; which some pretend are derogatory to the Honour of the Spanish Nation.

Letters from Vienna say it was reported there that Prince Eugene was shortly to take a Journey to Berlin and Dresden, and from thence to the Austrian Netherlands.

Yesterday their Majesties, Prince and Princesses, went to the Playhouse in Drury Lane, to see the Play acted of the History of Henry VIII. the Divorce of Queen Katharine, and the Coronation of Anne Boleyn. And the House was so crowded, that by 2 a clock after Noon. Thousands returned for want of Room.

Sommerfet House is going to be fitted up for his R. Highness the Prince; who, upon his Arrival at St. James's, and on his first seeing the King, fell on his Knees and kissed his Hands: And his Majesty, after asking him several Questions relating to his Health, and the Fatigue of his Journey, the Prince addressed himself to his Majesty in these Terms, viz.

"I humbly thank your Majesty for sending for me, to be so near your Royal Person, which is what I long wished for. I assure your Majesty of my Endeavours to behave as a Son ought to a Father; and as I am the first Subject of the Kingdom, I shall not fail of setting an Example to the People, from the highest to the lowest, of the Duty they ought to pay towards their Sovereign."

Mr. Justice Cooper, who died at 3 last Tuesday Morning, could not be prevailed on to make his Will; but only directed his Funeral might be private.

'Tis remarked, That this Gentleman for many Years past, appeared with a very pensive and dejected Countenance; and 'tis believed he had taken so much Grief to Heart, that it could not be carried off. His Son the Clergyman often attended during his Illness, and prayed with him; and he bore with a Christian Patience and Resignation.

He was averse, as we are told, to the using of any Means for his Recovery, saying he would not oppose the Will of Heaven, and behaved in all like a true Penitent.

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'Tis said he will be succeeded in the Common Pleas by Mr. Benjamin Conyers, and in that of Chief Justice of Chester, by Counsellor Wills; and Baron Conyers, by Sir William Thomson.

An elderly Woman in the Rolls Liberty, [who formerly was servant to Mrs. Stout, and examined as a Witness for her, died last Tuesday Morning.

S. S. Stock is risen to 99 per Cent.

The Report of the Spaniards making great Armaments on the Coast of Galicia appears to be false, and calculated for some ill Design; for the Packet Boat from Corunna this Day writes, that four Spanish Men of War arrived there from Cadiz, that the Commanders were on board his Vessel, and he on board theirs, and treated very civilly; and that the said Men of War were only to cruize out at Sea to meet and convey such of the Galleons as might steer their Course for Biscay, and that they talk much of Peace.

Captain Rothery sailed this Morning for the W. Indies, and with him a Perwigmaker who pretends to discover the Longitude.

ADVERTISEMENT S.

On Thursday next will be published;

An Essay on the Nature of the CHURCH, and a Review of the Election of BISHOPS in the Primitive Church: Together with some annexed Dissertations. - Edinburgh, Printed by JOHN CATANACH, and to be sold by Mr. James Robertson at his Shop opposite to the Cross-well.

There is to be sold, at the House of James Henderson, Horse-hirer at the Head of the Pleasants, super-fine BARLEY-MALT, made after the English Fashion, and dry'd with Cinders, by Alexander Wight in Ormiston.

By Order of the Honourable COURT of DELEGATES, appointed by his Majesty for determining such Appeals from the late Commissioners of Inquiry, as concern the forfeited Estates in Scotland, and remain yet undeter-

mined, pursuant to an Act pass'd in the late Session of Parliament, entituled, *An Act to explain and amend an Act pass'd in the Thirteenth Year of his late Majesty's Reign, entituled, An Act for Sale of such of the forfeited Estates in that Part of Great Britain call'd Scotland as remain unsold and are vested in the Crown; and for Determining such Claims on the said Estates, as having been duly entered, remain undetermined.* These are to give Notice, That the said COURT is to meet every Friday during this Winter Session, at 3 o'clock after Noon, at their Office in Edinburgh, for Hearing and Determining all such Appeals. And to the effect none may pretend Ignorance thereof, these are therefore advertising all Appellants, forthwith to lodge their Appeals in the Hands of Mr. Charles St. Clair of Hermiston, Advocate, or of Joseph Pringle, Esq; Clerks of the said Court: And requiring all Respondents to attend the respective Diets of the said COURT, in order to put in their Answers, and otherwise be heard in their Defence: Certifying all concerned, That the COURT will proceed summarily, as the Law directs. And all Appellants and Respondents are to take this Advertisement in place of all further Notice.

By Order of the COURT.

CHAS. ST. CLAIR, Clerk.

By Order of the Directors of the Edinburgh Friendly Insurance,

These are intimating, That all Bonds granted for the Insurance Premiums, and not renewed as directed by the last General Meeting of the Society, are put in the Hands of the Society's Secretary, with Orders to do Diligence upon them, in case those, who have hitherto neglected, do to renew their respective Bonds, betwixt and the twenty-eight Day of December current.

THO. ELIOT Secretary

That a Genral Meeting of the Honourable Company of HUNTERS is to be held at William Morgan's in Leith, upon Monday the 23d Instant; where all the Members are desired to be present.

This by Order of the Preses and Council.

DAVID BAIRD, Cashier

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